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Media Release

Bicyclist Involved in Last Week's Accident Near Gardnerville Has Died

This morning our agency was notified that 16-year-old Kody L. Wilson passed away at Renown Regional Medical Center on July 5th, at approximately 8:02 am, from the injuries he sustained in a bicycle accident last week. Troopers from Major accident Investigation Team are still investigating the details that led to this tragedy on US 395 near Industrial Way in Douglas County on June 28th, at approximately 1:30 pm.

Witnesses that day stated that Kody was riding his blue bicycle south bound in the center storage/turn lane prior to the accident. The speed limit on this section of the four-lane highway is posted 55 miles per hour. Moments before the accident, Kody steered his bike in a southwesterly direction and apparently wanted to cross both south bound lanes. Also traveling south bound in the right travel lane near the accident location was a 2003 Ford F-450 service truck owned by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and was driven by 51-year-old Edward B. Shope of Gardnerville.

Mr. Shope applied the brakes and steered to the right in an effort to avoid a collision as the cyclist entered the lane. The bike struck the left side of the truck near the front fender resulting in Kody to be thrown and he struck the pavement.

He was transported from the scene and flown to Renown Regional Medical Center by Care Flight while Mr. Shope was not injured. Witnesses with additional information should contact Trooper Mike Stapledon at (775) 689-4623 regarding case # NHP-1106281098.

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